National Thermal Power Corporation Limited (NTPC) and Asea Brown Boveri (ABB) have jointly submitted a bid to the Delhi Electric Supply Undertaking (DESU) in response to DESU's invitation seeking proposals for implementation of their 650 MW Gas Based Power Project at Bawana. ABB are, in addition, among the parties who responded to an invitation to bid for the formation of a joint venture company alongwith the NTPC and the Steel Authority of India Limited for setting up of a 500 MW power plant in Bhilai. Both the proposals are as yet only being evaluated.

World Bank conditions for Power Sector

1709. SHRI INDER KUMAR GUJRAL : Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state :

(a) whether his attention has been drawn to the Business Section of the Pioneer of the 27th November, 1992 wherein it has been stated that his Department had accepted all conditions imposed by the World Bank; and

(b) whether he has committed that the tariff for agriculture sector would be minimum 50 paise ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) With a view to improving the financial condition of State Electricity Boards, it was resolved by the State Power Ministers Conference in their meeting held on 6-9-1991 that State Electricity Boards should function on sound commercial principles by advocating a minimum agricultural tariff. The subsequent Conference of State Power Ministers held on 4-4-1992 passed a resolution adopting the minimum agricultural tariff as 50 paise per unit. This decision was also included in the Action Plan adopted by the Conference of State Power Ministers held on the 8th and 9th January, 1993. As such it was a consensus decision emerging out of the State Power Ministers Conference and not a commitment made by the Government to the World Bank.

Electricity connection to Jhuggi-Dwellers

1710. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH : Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that most of the jhuggi-dwellers in Delhi are having direct supply of electricity from the poles;

(b) whether Government have made any survey in this regard;

(c) if so, what is the number of such persons in Delhi who are having illegal connections; and

(d) what is Government's policy with regard to issuing electricity connections in unauthorised jhuggis erected on public land ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU) : (a) to (d) On the basis of a survey conducted by the Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi in January, 1990, there are about 929 Jhuggi Jhopri Clusters in Delhi with a population of about 13 lakhs. According to DESU, theft of electricity by direct tapping is a common problem in most of the J. J. Clusters. However, no firm figures about the number of persons having illegal connections in Delhi are available. Delhi Administration has already taken a decision to provide domestic light connection upto maximum of 250 Watts in a Jhuggi. According to the scheme formulated by DESU and the slum wing of Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD), DESU would provide the supply upto High Tension Level and the LT work would be executed by the MCD.

Non-payment of Dues to Eectricity Boards by State Governments

1711. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA : Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that many State Governments are not paying the dues which they owe to the State Electricity Boards on account of Rural Electrification subsidy thereby creating financial problems for the Boards;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what action Government propose to take to ensure the timely payment of Rural Electrification Subsidy to the State Electricity Boards by the State Government ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU) : (a) and (b) Yes Sir. Some States including Bihar, Kerala, Punjab, U.P. and Assam have not been paying Rural Electrification subsidies to their respectively Electricity Boards to offset the losses on account of supply of power to the agricultural sector at uneconomical tariff. Certain other States such as Gujarat, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh and West Bengal have been paying only part of the RE subsidy due to the Electricity Boards. According to available information, as on 31st March, 1992, the total amount of RE subsidy due to 14 State Electricity Boards is of the order of Rs. 9092.31 crores.

(c) The Conference of Power Ministers' held on 8th & 9th January, 1993, has adopted an Action Plan which, inter alia, provides that the State Governments must pay the current dues on account of RE subsidy to the SEBs on time, and also liquidate the arrears in a phased manner, towards the end of the current Five Year Plan.

1712. [*Transferred to 19th March*, 1993]

Power Grid Corporation schemes for the Northern Region

1713. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY : Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Power Grid Corporation of India which is entrusted with the task of ensuring power supply according to the requirements has drawn up many Schemes for implementation in the Northern Region;

(b) if so, what are the details of the Schemes and what are the stages of their implementation; and

(c) what are the reasons for the reluctance shown by the State Governments to cooperate with this Corporation ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU) : (a) and (b) The Power Grid Corporation of India Limited (POWERGRID) has been entrusted with the responsibility of development of Regional Grids leading to establishment of a National Power Grid for optimal utilisation of the available resources.

The details of the major schemes drawn up by POWERGRID for Northern Region during Eighth Plan period alongwith their implementation status is given in the attached Statement. [*See* below]

(c) No reluctance has been faced by POWERGRID from the State Governments in the Northern Region.

Statement

Power Grid Corporation Schemes for the Northern region.

Sl. No.	Name of the Project in Northern Region	Commissioning Schedule	Remarks
1.	Chamera-I Transmission System	06/93	In advance stage of completion.
2.	Salal-II Transmission System	93/94	Under construction.
3.	Uri Transmission System	97/98	Construction started.
4.	Kishenpur-Moga 800 KV Transmission Line .	97/98	Referred to CCEA.
5.	Dulhasti Transmission System (Contingency Scheme)	12/95	Work commenced.
6.	Nathpa Jhakri Associated Transmission System	97/98	Implementation commenced.
7.	Chamera-II Transmission System . . . (Chamera I-Kishenpur. 400 KV line)	95/96	Referred to CCEA
8.	RAPP Transmission System . . . . (3 & 4) (RAPP-B)	96/97	Referred to CEA.
9.	Unchahar-II Transmission System . . .	97/98	—do—
10.	Unified Load Dispatch & Communication System for Northen Region	5 year from approval	—do—
11.	Rihand-II Transmission System	97/98	Techno-economically cleared by CEA.